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My dear Admiral Leahy:

The President has directed me to assemble for him certain facts and information regarding the Soviet Union. He has directed me to obtain from the Central Intelligence Group estimates of the present and future foreign and military policies of the Soviet Union. I am therefore writing to request that the National Intelligence Authority instruct the Director of Central Intelligence to prepare such estimates for submission to the President at the earliest practicable date.

It is also desired that the Central Intelligence Group prepare a statement of conclusions drawn from the monitoring of Soviet broadcasts, with special attention devoted to the descriptions of Soviet and American foreign policies.

Inasmuch as the President hopes that this information will be in his hands before the convening of the Peace Conference in Paris on 29 July 1946, it is desired that the reports I have requested be delivered to me prior to that date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Clark M. Clifford

CLARK M. CLIFFORD  
Special Counsel to the President

Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, USN  
The National Intelligence Authority  
Washington, D.C.

19 July 1946

To: Director of Central Intelligence:

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/s/ William L. Leahy  
Chief of Staff

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